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OUR ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARING SALE COMMENCES MONDAY.

Bargains.

Take a quick clear-
Silk Department
grouped a large as-
of fancy Silks into
and made an aston-
low price on them
Figured and Brocaded
rich beautiful stripes,
that are worth two and
times the price asked—
that sold at 75c, \$1.00,
\$1.50, all to go for
yard.

2-in. Bright Finish Black
Silk, 75c grade 69c.
3-in. Heavy Black Taf-
8c grade 75c.
4-in. Heavy Black Taf-
\$1.25 grade \$1.00.

Extraordinary values in
Peau de Soie, 20-in.
22-in. 89c, 25-in. 98c,
\$1.25.

Black Satin Duch-
25 value \$1.00.

Black Dress Goods.

Reduction prices in our Black
Department always attracts
the buying public far and
near, and our reductions
are made and are exactly as

Black Brocade Suitings,
in 8 different styles,
beautiful figures, others in
handsome, for \$1.75,
Sale price \$1.39.

4-in. Fine Black neat
all-wool fabric, very
\$2.75 yard. Sale price
\$2.00.

5-in. Fine Black Jacquard
\$2.00 and \$1.50. Sale
price \$1.39.

Black Jacquard play-
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COATS, TAILOR-MADE SUITS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS, LINENS, DOMESTICS, COM-
FORTS, UNDERWEAR, BLANKETS, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, Etc.

The annual clearing sales of this store have always offered unusual values—the one commencing to-morrow presents attractions that we believe you'll think more desirable than any we've had before. An event to which Norfolk and its sister cities turn out annually. The next four weeks should rank among the busiest in the year. The power of prices will make the selling during these pre-inventory days, second to our wonderful Christmas business.

Colored Dress Goods.

The phenomenal values offered two weeks ago were quickly picked up. This offering is destined to make as great a sensation.

40-in. Two Tone Brocade Dress Goods, in Helio and Black, Brown and Black, Navy and Black, and Green and Black, sold at 22c yard. Clearing price 16 1/2c.

One lot two-tone small figured Dress Goods, very neat, sold at 25c. Clearing price 19c.

One lot of 10 pieces of neat Novelty mixed Dress Goods, sold at 39c and 50c. Clearing price 25c.

One lot of 15 pieces of fancy novelty Suitings, sold at 59c, 69c and 75c. Clearing price 39c.

One lot of 8 pieces of fancy tufted Plain Dress Goods, 40 and 45 inches wide, sold at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00 for 59c.

Fine Twilled Sacquing Flannels in light Blue, Pink, Cardinal and Royal Blue, worth 50c, price 39c.

One lot of 6 pieces of heavy Cloaking in handsome designs marked at moving prices.

A complete assortment of 54-in. Cheviot Serge, \$1.00 for 75c.

Children's Caps.

Three Children's Wool Tam O'Shanter Caps, with feather, sold at 20c. Sale price, 10c.

Seven Children's Tam O'Shanter, sold at 39c and 50c. Sale price, 15c.

Twelve Red Cloth Tam O'Shanter, edged with white cord and soutache braid, sold at 25c. Sale price, 10c.

Ladies' Flannel Waists, only few left, sold at \$1.00, for 79c.

Ladies' Flannel Waists, navy trimmed, with white braid, red trimmed with black braid, cadet blue, dark brown and black, sold at \$1.25, for 98c.

Ladies' pink, light blue and red Eider-down Sacquing for 75c and \$1.00.

Children's Bibs, 5c, worth 8c; 8c, worth 10c; 10c, worth 15c; all special values.

Children's Caps.

Children's Long Cashmere Coats, nicely embroidered, with cape, \$1.25, \$1.69, \$2.25, \$2.39, \$2.75, up to \$6.00.

Children's Short Cashmere Coats, \$2.19, \$3.00 and \$3.95.

Children's Fur Carriage Robes, \$3.75 to \$7.50.

Knit Underwear.

We are making a general cleaning up of Ladies' and Children's Underwear. All odd sizes and broken assortments, and many special lines are offered in this sale.

One case Ladies' Heavy Jersey Ribbed Vests, all sizes, sold at 25c. Clearing price, 19c.

One lot Ladies' Union Suits, sold at 75c. Clearing price, 67c.

One lot Ladies' Grey Mixed Jersey Ribbed Vests and Pants, most all sizes, sold at 75c. Clearing price, 59c.

One lot Ladies' Fine White J. R. Pants, in small sizes only; size 3 sold at 75c and \$1.00. Clearing price, 59c.

One lot of Ladies' Fine Merino Flat Pants, in small sizes—sizes 28 and 30—sold at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.59. To close out, 69c pair.

Dr. Denton's Sleeping Garments for Children, all sizes.

Handkerchiefs.

You can't have too many and the little prices here will pay to lay in a quantity. The clearance prices prevail here smaller than ever before.

Ladies' Good White Handkerchiefs in all widths, the regular 5c goods will go for 2c each.

We place on sale all the Handkerchiefs for our Christmas decoration, all beautiful patterns, swiss goods, some are a trifle soiled, some as good as new. These will go for 3c.

One lot of Plain Hemstitched and a lot of Hemstitched with embroidery edges, to go for 3c each.

Tailor Made Suits.

Special—One only, size 36, Brown Mixed Tailor Made Suit with jacket silk lined, \$12.50 grade, clearing price \$8.00.

Special—One lot of Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, in Brown, Blue, jacket satin lined, with plain and tucked skirts, percale lined, sold at \$13.00 and \$14.50, all go in this lot at \$10.00.

Two, only Navy Blue Venetian Suits, sizes 36, jacket satin lined, \$15.00 grade now \$10.00.

All our \$15.00 Suits, with jackets silk and satin lined, plain and flounce skirts, in Navy Blue, Brown, Tan, go in this lot at \$12.50.

Navy Blue, Brown and Green Venetian Suits, with jacket silk lined and circular flounce skirt, \$16.50 grade now \$12.98.

Navy Blue Camel's Hair Cheviot Suit, with jacket silk lined, \$20.00 grade \$14.50.

Navy Blue Camel's Hair Cheviot, with jacket silk lined, \$21.50 grade \$16.00.

Special—All our \$12.50 and \$15.00 Black Tailor Made Suits go in one lot—Cheviots, Broadcloth, with jacket silk lined, \$10.00.

Special—One only, Black Cheviot Suit, with jacket and skirt silk lined throughout, \$22.50 grade \$15.00.

Three Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, among the lot one silk lined throughout, others with jacket silk lined, \$25.00 grade \$15.00.

Black Covert Tailor Made Suit, silk lined throughout, \$30.00 grade \$22.50.

Gent's Furnishings.

SHIRT BARGAINS—Eleven dozen Men's Pure Linen Open Bosom Unlaundered Shirts. Clearing price 39c.

About three dozen Men's Plain and Pleated Bosom Shirts, laundered and unlaundered, worth 69c, 75c and \$1.00. Clearing price 50c.

COLLARS—An assorted lot of slight soiled Collars, worth 15c apiece. Clearing price 5c.

Gent's Furnishings.

CUFFS—Slightly soiled Cuffs, worth 20 and 25c. Clearing price 12 1/2c pair.

NECKWEAR—At half price, our entire lot of 25c Neckwear, in Tecks, Four-in-Hand, Puff and Bows, 12 1/2c a piece.

Bargain seekers will lose no time in finding these goods.

SUSPENDERS—Our entire lot of Fancy Silk and Lisle Thread Suspenders, worth 75c, 89c and \$1.00. Clearing price 59c a pair.

UNDERWEAR—One-half case Men's Random Mixed Shirts and Drawers, worth 37c. Clearing price 25c apiece.

About two dozen Men's Fleece Lined Shirts, assorted sizes, worth 50c. Clearing price 39c.

Men's Camel Hair Shirts, sizes 42, 44 and 46 only, worth 50c a piece. Clearing price 39c.

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS—Fifteen dozen Men's Negligee Shirts, worth 50c apiece. Clearing price 39c.

Boy's Negligee Shirts, collar and cuff attached, worth 50c apiece. Clearing price 39c.

January Clearing of Blankets

Special—One case of White Blankets, the \$1.00 kind 87 1/2c.

Special—The only All-Wool Blanket to be had in the city, in pink, red and light blue borders, will compare with any \$3.25 Blanket. Our price as long as they last \$2.89.

Special—11-4 Blanket, better known under our ticket as the Iceland, weight 5 pounds 8 ounces, to be had in pink, red and light blue borders, worth \$5.00. Our price \$3.98.

11-4 Golden Fleece Blanket, a beauty, weight 5 pounds 8 ounces, in pink, red and light blue borders, equal to many a \$6.00 Blanket. Our price \$4.25.

12-4 Golden Fleece, weight 6 pounds 12 ounces. Price \$4.89.

Special—One lot of Cotton Jeans, 10c grade 7c, 12 1/2c grade 10c, 15c grade 12 1/2c.

January Sale of Domestics.

4-4 Bleached Cotton, special at 4c.

4-4 Unbleached Cotton, clearing price 4c.

4-4 Unbleached Cotton, 6c grade, 5c.

4-4 Bleached Cotton, 8c grade, 7c.

Yard-wide Cambrics, 8c grade, 6c.

9-4 Unbleached Sheet, 12 1/2c grade, 11c.

10-4 Bleached Sheet, 15c grade, 12 1/2c.

10-4 Bleached Sheet, 22c grade, 18c.

READY-MADE PILLOW CASES—

Bleached, 45x36, 6 1/2c.

45x36 Bleached Pillow Cases, 12 1/2c grade, 10c.

50x36 Bleached Pillow Cases, 16c grade, 12 1/2c.

42x36 Bleached Pillow Cases, hemstitched, special, 11c.

54x90 Single Bed Sheets at 35c.

72x90 Bleached Sheets, 42c grade, 37 1/2c.

90x90 Bleached Sheets, 47c grade 42c.

90x90 Bleached Sheets, 59c grade, 47c.

90x90 Bleached Sheets, hemstitched, at 16 1/2c.

90x90 Unbleached Sheets, extra heavy special, 47c.

10-4 Bleached Utica Sheet, 25c grade, 19c.

SPECIAL—50c and 39c Sacquing Flannels, all go at 25c.

Lancaster Apron Gingham, 5c.

Kid Gloves.

100 pairs of Misses' 5-hook and 2-clasp Kid Gloves, in tans and reds, that sold at 75c and \$1.00, will go for 39c.

100 pairs of Children's Fur Top, lined Kid Mittens, that sold for 50c, will go for 25c a pair.

Our lot of 16-button Black Suede Evening Gloves, in all sizes, that sold for \$2.50, will go for 98c.

Pocket Books.

A lot of Black and Colored Combination Cases, somewhat rubbed, but nearly as good as ever. These sold for 50c, will go for 25c.

OUR IMMENSE HOLIDAY BUSINESS was an unmistakable demonstration of the popularity of Norfolk's Busy Store and its methods. Without any special inducement, beyond a thorough preparation of store and stocks, the heavy buying commenced here early in the month, and grew to the glorious climax of the last few days before Xmas.

January Clearing of Coats.

February prices go into effect to-morrow. Our entire stock of Ladies' Coats reduced 25 per cent. and 33 1-3 per cent. from former prices.

A grand opportunity for folks who like to dress well.

Save money.

SPECIAL—Among our lot of Coats we have 15 that have not got the new sleeve they have been divided into the following lots.

Lot 1—Contains Coats, sizes 34, 36 and 38 that sold at \$5.00 and \$6.00, as long as they last \$1.95.

Lot 2—Contains Coats, sizes 34, 36 and 38 that sold at \$8.00, \$14.00 and \$14.50, as long as they last \$2.95.

Lot 3—Contains Coats, sizes 32, 34, 36 and 38, that sold at \$10.00, \$12.50, \$14.50 and \$17.00, all go at \$3.95.

Come Monday if you want these, don't expect to find them later in the week.

Wash Goods.

26 inch Dark Percales, fancy figures, 8c grade, 5c.

36 inch Dark Percales, fancy figures, 10c grade, 6c.

One lot Fine Percales, sold 12 1/2c, for 6c.

One lot Red Outing Flannels, in figured, striped and plain, sold 8c and 10c, for 5c.

One lot Light Striped Outings, 5c.

A large number of remnants and short lengths have accumulated during the holiday season, which are now brought forward to receive attention. They have been priced very low to close them out. They contain Fancy Outings, Flannellets, Percales, Prints and Gingham.

REALM

ed in holly and mistletoe, and good cheer and egg nog abounded for those who called to wish this charming hostess a "Merry Christmas."

Sunday being Christmas day, numerous family reunions were held, but no entertainments of much importance took place until Monday, which was duly celebrated with fireworks and noise.

The past week was one of unusual brilliancy and pleasure. The fair belles and beaux tripped the light fantastic toe to their heart's content. There were receptions and car parties, however, and those who did not participate in the terpsichorean revels had their share of this enjoyment.

Mr. R. Worthy Smith gave a most enjoyable oyster roast on Monday at the farm of Mr. Beaman, on Lynnhaven Bay, in honor of Miss Cornelia Tucker, of Baltimore. The party, consisting of Miss Tucker, Miss Melice, Mr. Smith and Mr. Washington Reed, of Portsmouth, drove to their destination and merrily did the afternoon pass as they partook of the delectable bivalves fresh from the bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Randolph entertained a few of their friends on Monday evening at their home on York street. The occasion was an egg nog party, and was highly enjoyed by all the guests who were present.

The Monticello Club gave an enjoyable card party Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tuns, on Freemason street, which proved a most charming occasion.

On Tuesday evening the ball room of the Chamberlin Hotel was the scene of much merriment and one of the prettiest events of the season. The lights blazed high and fair maidens thronged the hall, the sweet music filled the air and strains of the waltz and two-step were heard until midnight pealed forth. The occasion was the third of the series of Germans which are being held at that handsome hostelry for the Norfolk people. The steamer Warden left the Bay Line wharf promptly at 8 o'clock laden with a crowd of pleasure seekers, reaching Old Point at 9 o'clock, to begin the festivities. The German was led by Mr. R. C. Taylor. Many new and intricate figures were introduced and the sight was a beautiful one to those who watched the graceful movements of the dancers. At 11 o'clock a dainty supper was served, after which dancing was resumed until the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" proclaimed that the time had come for shoes and wraps to be donned. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh N. Page and Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh. Among those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blisco, U. S. N., Mr. Holt Page, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Randolph, Mrs. William Camp, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palm, Misses Lucher, Sluegluff, Boykin and Bonsal, of Baltimore, Porter, of Maryland; Parker and Bruce, of Portsmouth; the

Misses Vail, of New Jersey; Miss Boswell, of St. Louis; Misses Pigman, of Port Norfolk; Smith, of the navy-yard; Misses Wilkinson, Palm, Jordan, Old, Cooke, Heath, Lauder, Walton, Allyn, Hardy, Hilliard, A. Taylor, Gordon, Taylor, Bass, McQuinn, S. Taylor, G. Loyall, Walton, Winn, Serpell, H. Goodridge, G. Goodridge, Cresham, W. Taylor, W. Old, E. Old, B. J. Johnston, I. Johnston, Porter, L. Smith, H. Henry, E. Henry, Hardy, Milhoad, Friebus, Dey, Turner, Mayo, Williams, Barry, Tanner, Hume, Hughes, Dr. Old, Burgess, Williams and Woodward.

During the week the children's hearts have been made glad by sights of wonderful Christmas trees which they have been invited to witness, and when some attractive present was handed them from these ever yielding trees then, indeed, theirs was a happy lot.

A very delightful and beautiful reception was given on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the Misses Browne, on Duke street, by Col. and Mrs. Hodges, in honor of their charming daughter, Miss Lottie Hodges, of Hampton College, who is at home for the holidays, and also in honor of Miss Hodges' guest, Miss Kittie Smith, of Lynchburg. The reception was largely attended by Miss Hodges' many young friends, whom she received in her usual graceful and cordial style. Those who assisted in receiving were Miss Smith, Misses Booker, of Hampton; Misses Young and Segar, of Hampton; and Miss Mary Nash Saunders. The delightful tea was followed by a dance later in the evening, and was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given by the younger set in Norfolk. The spacious parlors were beautifully decorated under the skilled touch of an artist with holly, mistletoe and growing plants galore, while numberless lamps and candelabra, with crystalendants, threw their varied-colored lights like a halo, giving exquisite softness to the scene. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued until 11, when the band played "Home, Sweet Home," and much to the regret of the happy young people was the parting good night spoken. Besides the receiving party those who were present at the dance were Misses Freeman, Williams, Taylor, Byrd, Page, Hattie Page, Bell, Herbert and Hardy, Messrs. Thon, Loe, Page, Hugh Page, Hunter, Jordan, Freeman, Hodges, Taylor, Kelly, Sharpe and Cooke.

The much-talked-of Charity Ball took place on Wednesday evening and was a brilliant event. Society was out en masse to attend this swell function. The Armory Hall had been elaborately dressed in flags, bunting and Christmas evergreens and lighted with electric lights. The bon-ton of the city

adorned themselves in their best gowns and with powdered hair lent their presence to this delightful occasion given for "sweet charity's sake." The success of this affair was due to the untiring efforts and energy of Miss Letta Serpell and Miss Mira Vaughn, in whose brains this scheme originated. An elaborate supper was served during the evening and greatly enjoyed by the dancers, as well as spectators, who witnessed this beautiful event. The table was dressed in holly and fruit, and lamps shed their soft glow on the assembled throng. Until 12 o'clock dancing was indulged in, attractive programs being used to keep the en-tertained. The ball was turned into a German, with Mr. J. Leighton Hubbard as leader, and many pretty and attractive figures were introduced. Among those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Groner, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pender, Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Thon, Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hubbard, Col. and Mrs. C. A. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dancy, Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Beaman, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Lane Kelly, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Driver, Mrs. J. F. Cecil, Mr. and Mrs. Cary Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Page, Mr. and Mrs. M. and Mrs. H. N. Page, Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn, Mr. and Mrs. Mabel Vaughn, Letta and Nora Serpell, Cannon, Tunstall, Jane and Alice Serpell, Burwell, Gordon, Cooke, Nash, Taylor, Bonsal, Leigh, Cohn, White, Lauder, Messrs. Hubbard, Childrey, Tanner, Wm. H. Taylor, Walter Taylor, Dr. Burgess, Dr. Joe Price, Messrs. J. C. Groner, A. S. Wiley, J. S. Taylor, Dr. Old, Messrs. W. T. Santos, A. B. Taylor, H. S. Goodridge, R. C. Taylor, R. C. Taylor, H. Washington Reid, J. P. Williams, G. M. Serpell, N. H. T. Loyall, Albert Serpell, George Loyall, Harry Keeling, Howard Shield, R. M. Smith, David Dunlap, of Suffolk; Gustav Friebus, R. L. Doble, A. G. Stephenson, E. M. Henry, Jr. and J. H. Henry.

The Portsmouth Cotillion Club gave their Christmas German Wednesday evening at Kirt Hall, which was one of the most delightful events of the season. The whistle was blown at nine-thirty o'clock by Mr. Winston Parrish, who led the German. A delectable supper was served during the evening, which was duly enjoyed. The chaperones on this charming occasion were Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Dismukes and Mrs. Freeman, of the navy yard; Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Hume. The full Naval Post Band furnished the music.

The Wednesday Literary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Stock, on Duke street on Wednesday morning. Washington Irving and Edgar Allan Poe were the authors under discussion, and delightfully interesting and entertaining papers were read, and selections from these writers were enjoyed.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. William A. Wrenn gave a handsome re-

ception at their home on York street, to introduce their daughter, Miss Virginia Wrenn, into the social world. The beautiful parlors had been handsomely decorated. Festoons of holly and cedar were draped along the walls and bannisters, and palms and potted plants were gracefully grouped about in nooks and corners. The decorations were in line with the front parlor, where Mr. and Mrs. Wrenn and Miss Wrenn received the guests. Mrs. Wrenn wore a handsome gown of white taffeta with cerise trimmings, and Miss Wrenn was becomingly gowned in a frock of white silk net over white satin. In the other rooms the